# Taiwan Politics and Crossstrait Political and Economic Trends



<b>Project Title</b>	Taiwan Politics and Cross-strait Political and Economic Trends
Project Summary	Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research seeks a student intern to assist with tracking domestic politics on Taiwan, emerging domestic, economic, foreign policy, and cross-strait issues in Taiwan, and mainland Chinese-based research and discourse (academic and official) on Taiwan.
Country	United States

## **Project Description**

Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research seeks a student intern to assist with tracking Taiwan government and think tank sites, economic and trade data, social and news media and domestic Chinese papers, websites, and other information sources regarding Taiwan. The student will track changes in trade and investment flows and major speeches and potential changes in rhetoric.

Desired Skills and Interests Taiwan economics and trade, politics, cross-strait relations (both Taiwan and China), and writing and analysis

Language requirements Mandarin Chinese: Working level reading proficiency required in both traditional and simplified Chinese characters

Additional Information:

- ? Language requirements Fluent in reading and typing Mandarin Chinese and fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English
- ? This project will help virtual student foreign service interns develop writing and communications skills, analysis, and research skills, and gain an understanding of how to read trade and investment data and the nuances of cross-strait relations and Taiwan and Chinese media in traditional/ simplified Chinese.
- ? Indicators of cross-strait relations: support ongoing analysis with statistical datasets of cross-strait investment, Taiwan-HK trade and investment, transportation/tourism and other data.

Conduct research on emerging domestic politics, policies, and trends;

- ? Compare and contrast coverage from various media in both Taiwan and the Mainland;
- ? Compile weekly briefers (in written and/or graphic form) of major trends;
- ? Produce briefers, one page documents, or other research papers and analysis on topics related to the Bureau's topics of interest relevant to Taiwan politics and cross-strait trends;
- ? Other duties as required.

### **Required Skills or Interests**

Skill(s)	
Analytical writing	
Economic analysis	

Political Analysis

Research

Writing

#### **Additional Information**

The student should have Chinese language ability sufficient to read both Taiwan-based newspapers and materials in traditional characters and official Chinese newspapers in simplified Chinese. Specific topics may vary month to month, depending partly on current developments.

# **Language Requirements**

Language Speaking Proficiency Reading Proficiency Importance

Chinese-Mandarin Full professional proficiency Full professional proficiency Required